

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed September 18, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. Through this response, claims 5, 11 and 26 have been amended, and claims 1-4, 6-10, 22-25, and 27-31 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action stated that the information disclosure statement filed on March 8, 2004 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Applicants acknowledge that that information disclosure statement has been placed in the application file but that the info therein has not been considered. Applicant has submitted legible copies of the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement along with this response in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 16-21 and 32-37. Also, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5, 11-15 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claims 5, 11 and 26 have been rewritten as independent claims. Both claims 5 and 11 now include the language of former claim 1 instead of depending upon it. Likewise, claim 26 now includes the language of former claim 22. Accordingly, the objection to claims 5, 11 and 26 should be withdrawn.

Furthermore, as claims 12-15 depend upon claims rewritten as independent claims, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn for at least the same reasons. *See, e.g., In re Fine*, 837 F. 2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). In that it is believed that every rejection has been

overcome with respect to claims 5, 11-15 and 26, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are presently in condition for allowance.

III. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claims 1-4, 6-10, 22-25, and 27-31 have been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 6, 10, 22, 27 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Kim* ("*Kim*," U.S. Pat. No. 6,847,679). Applicants respectfully disagree with this assessment as discussed in the previous response to the Office Action dated on January 10, 2007. However, since claims 1, 6, 10, 22, 27 and 31 are included among those canceled herein and are withdrawn from consideration, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

V. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 23-25 and 28-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Kim* as applied to claims 1 and 22 in view the prior art discussion of the instant application. Applicants respectfully disagree with this assessment as discussed in the previous response to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2007. However, since claims 2-4, 7-9, 23-25 and 28-30 are among those canceled herein and are withdrawn from consideration, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

The fee for the additional independent claim has been authorized to be charged to Conexant's deposit account 50-0835. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any addition fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 50-0835.

Respectfully submitted,

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